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Dear members of the City Council

Tonight you are considering how the City should address an important part of its history: the efforts of former Mayor A.I. Stewart to keep Black people out of Pasadena. Please do not remove the portrait of Stewart, but instead put it into context.

During my career in mortgage banking, we had to reckon with the long-term impacts of redlining and other discriminatory practices. The best way to do this is to cast a light on what happened, rather than hiding it away. One such example is the following article from the Federal Reserve: [www.federalreservehistory.org/essays/redliningrve History](http://www.federalreservehistory.org/essays/redliningrve%20History). In a similar way, I urge you to add a description next to Stewart's portrait. This way we can face up to our history, rather than ignoring it.

Respectfully,

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